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BOMBAY 982 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 19 APR 78.
BEING RPT FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.

QUOTE

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TAGS: MNUC, ENGR, IN, US
SUBJ: PREFRE REPROCESSING

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IN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS SETHNA
HAS TOLD ME THAT THE IAEC IS USING ONLY SPENT FUEL FROM
ITS OWN RESEARCH REACTORS AS THROUGHPUT AT THE PREFRE
REPROCESSING PLANT. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OPERATIONS
THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY SMALL SCALE, NOT MUCH MORE THAN
WHAT IS
NECESSARY TO OBSVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PLANT.
SETPKA EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE
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CANADIANS OVER RAPP I AND II HE WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO BEGIN
PROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL FROM RAPP I. HE SAID THAT
INDIA NEEDED TO BE "HOLIER THAN THE POPE" IN USING
MATERIAL GENERATED IN FOREIGN SUPPLIED REACTORS IN ITS
REPROCESSING FACILITIES BECAUSE OF THE FUROR THAT HAD
FOLLOWED THE 1974 NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. MOREOVER HE
INDICATED THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NEED TO REPROCESS

RAPP I SPENT FUEL EITHER TO FREE UP ADDITIONAL STORAGE
CAPACITY OR TO GENERATE PLUTONIUM
FOR THE BREEDER PROGRAM.

2. MOREOVER AS FAR AS I KNOW THE IAEC HAS NOT YET
REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA ON SAFEGUARDING
PREFRE WHICH, OF COURSE, WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE
REPROCESSING OF RAPP I SPENT FUEL.

3. AS EMBASSY AWARE NO SPENT FUEL FROM TAPS HAS
BEEN REPROCESSED AT PREFRE.

4. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OTHER SOURCES OF SPENT
FUEL IN INDIA THAN THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE.
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